

REMARKS

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Claims 1 – 12 and 15 – 17 are allowed. Claims 1 and 12 were amended by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowance dated March 15, 2006. Claim 13 was cancelled by the Examiner.

Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. The claims may be patentable for additional reasons.

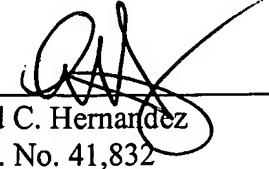
The Examiner states that the art of record do not fairly teach in permissible combination the claimed subject matter. The Examiner concedes that when considering the claimed system as a whole and the steps needed to modify the system to meet the claim limitations, none of the art of record teaches or suggests the claimed subject matter. Applicant does not concede that all of the limitations identified by the Examiner are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for other reasons. In addition, the dependent claims are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above remarks into the file history of the above-captioned application.

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